

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 15, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 5/7/02)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Department of Fire and Life Safety – Medic Unit Procurement

The Department of Fire and Life Safety's Fire and Rescue Operations Division is proceeding with plans to purchase three new medic units. This project combines existing Capital Improvements Program for the replacement of two medic units (PS-8480) with two separate Virginia Department of Health – Rescue Squad Assistance grants, and the insurance settlement for the medic unit that was destroyed last fall after its theft, to fund the purchase of three new medic units. The department's fleet will increase by one, and that additional unit will be housed at the Seaford Fire Station.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for FY2002 provided funding for one new replacement ambulance of \$125,000 and one re-chassis of an existing ambulance of \$70,000. The ambulance scheduled for re-chassis was the same unit that was destroyed; therefore, it is being completely replaced. In addition, Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grants totaling \$68,405 were sought to assist in the replacement of one ambulance and the procurement of the additional ambulance for the Seaford station. The resulting CIP project, after the award of the grants, combined with the insurance settlement of \$18,667, makes procurement of the additional ambulance for Seaford possible.

An Invitation for Bids for the construction of three ambulances was advertised in the Daily Press, and provided to more than one dozen ambulance manufacturers. Five bids were received. Taylor Made Ambulances of Newport, Arkansas, was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. York County has purchased ambulances from this vendor previously, with satisfactory experience.

Proposed Resolution R02-86 authorizes the acceptance, execution, and appropriation of \$68,405 of Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grants awarded by the Virginia Department of Health. The resolution also appropriates \$18,667 from the insurance settlement for the medic unit destroyed last fall. Finally, it authorizes the County Administrator to conclude the purchase of the equipment totaling \$281,986. Upon receipt of the equipment, the State Department of Health will reimburse the County \$68,405 under the terms of the grant award.

I support staff's recommendation for approval of proposed Resolution R02-86 as outlined above.

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